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In re Application of:

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AUTHENTICATION USING NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL IMAGING

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as set forth below:

Sub B4
1. (Once Amended) A method of making a continuous tone image, comprising the steps of:

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making at least one micro discrete continuous tone image on a photosensitive media wherein said discrete continuous tone image is formed on a photosensitive media using near-field optics.

Sub B4
7. (Once Amended) A product having a plurality of micro discrete continuous tone images placed thereon by near-field optics, said continuous tone image each having a size no greater than about 20 microns.

Please cancel claim 4.